

## Federal Communications Commission

## § 80.149

### SHIPBOARD GENERAL PURPOSE WATCHES

#### § 80.146 Watch on 500 kHz.

During their hours of service, ship stations using frequencies in the authorized bands between 405–525 kHz must, remain on watch on 500 kHz except when the operator is transmitting on 500 kHz or operating on another frequency. The provisions of this section do not relieve the ship from complying with the requirements for a safety watch as prescribed in §§80.304 and 80.305.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 68 FR 46962, Aug. 7, 2003 §80.146 was removed effective October 6, 2003.

#### § 80.147 Watch on 2182 kHz.

Ship stations must maintain a watch on 2182 kHz as prescribed by §80.304(b).

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 68 FR 46962, Aug. 7, 2003, §80.147 was revised effective October 6, 2003. For the convenience of the user the revised text is set forth as follows:

#### § 80.147 Watch on 2182 kHz.

Ship stations must maintain a watch on 2182 kHz as prescribed by §80.304.

#### § 80.148 Watch on 156.8 MHz (Channel 16).

At least one VHF ship station per compulsory vessel while underway must maintain a watch on 156.800 MHz whenever such station is not being used for exchanging communications. The watch is not required:

(a) Where a ship station is operating only with handheld bridge-to-bridge VHF radio equipment under §80.143(c) of this part;

(b) For vessels subject to the Bridge-to-Bridge Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the bridge-to-bridge frequency and a separately assigned VTS frequency; or

(c) For a station on board a voluntary vessel equipped with digital selective calling (DSC) equipment, maintaining a continuous DSC watch on 156.525 MHz whenever such station is not being used for exchanging communications, and while such station is within the VHF service area of a U.S.

Coast Guard radio facility which is DSC equipped.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 68 FR 46962, Aug. 7, 2003, §80.148 was amended by revising the introductory text and removing paragraph (c) effective October 6, 2003. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

#### § 80.148 Watch on 156.8 MHz (Channel 16).

Until February 1, 2005, each compulsory vessel, while underway, must maintain a watch for radiotelephone distress calls on 156.800 MHz whenever such station is not being used for exchanging communications. For GMDSS ships, 156.525 MHz is the calling frequency for distress, safety, and general communications using digital selective calling and the watch on 156.800 MHz is provided so that ships not fitted with DSC will be able to call GMDSS ships, thus providing a link between GMDSS and non-GMDSS compliant ships. The watch on 156.800 MHz is not required:

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### VIOLATIONS

#### § 80.149 Answer to notice of violation.

(a) Any person receiving official notice of violation of the terms of the Communications Act, any legislative act, executive order, treaty to which the United States is a party, terms of a station or operator license, or the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission must within 10 days from such receipt, send a written answer, in duplicate, to the office of the Commission originating the official notice. If an answer cannot be sent or an acknowledgment made within such 10-day period by reason of illness or other unavoidable circumstances, acknowledgment and answer must be made at the earliest practicable date with a satisfactory explanation of the delay. The answer to each notice must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by references to other communications or answers to other notices. The answer must contain a full explanation of the incident involved and must set forth the action taken to prevent a continuation or recurrence. If the notice relates to lack of attention to or improper operation of the